MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): During the year 1991 so far 25 seminars/ conferences/ workshops have been organised directly or indirectly and an expenditure of approxiately Rs. 14.85 lakhs has been incurred.

[*Translation*]

Opening of more LPG Agencies in Trans Yamuna Area in Delhi

1143. SHIR B.L.SHARMA PREM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are very few LPG agencies in trans Yamuna area of Delhi due to which consumers have to face a lot of inconvenience;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to open more LPG agencies in this area; and

(c) if so, the detail of the agencies likely to be opened during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). LPG distributorships are opened in different towns as per Marketing Plans and policies in force from time to time.

Construction of Indian Oil Depot at Aonla

1144. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the construction of the approved depot of the Indian Oil at Aonla is likely to be started; and

(b) the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon and the time by which the depot is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The construction work of the depot at Aonla will commence after the land is acquired and physical possession is made over to Indian Oil Cooperation by the Uttar Pradesh Government.

(b) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 19.57 crores. The depot is expected to be completed in 36 months after taking physical possession of the land from the State Government.

Allotment of LPG Agencies at block level

1145. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had formulated a scheme to allot L.P.G. agencies at the Development Block Level;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) As per the present policy new LPG agencies are being set up a phased manner depending upon economic viability and product availability of 20,000 and above (as per 1981 census).

World Bank Assistance for Bihar Public Tubewells Project

1146. SHRI RAM SHARAN YADAV : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the financial assistance received from the utilised in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement; and

(b) if not, the rteasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN